experiment and develop these devices. And you know It's like common sense would argue against this being able to work at all, but it does. Okay? And that, I've been running an experimental network in the Bay Area since 1996 using all three 5.7 900, 2.4, and gigahertz, offering services from 100 kilobits up to 30 megabits. for instance, I operated on 900 in the presence of Metricom with no problems, and it all had to do with the --

DR. LUCKY: You don't have that problem any more.

MR. HENDRICKS: Well, I was able to do that by, you know, the proper engineering. And I think that what people who have been using these bands is that, you know, there is physics, there is science, and if you use them with good sense, then you can get things to work. And so there are a lot of anecdotal experiences about interference and whatever, but the fact remains that there are still people out there delivering services and doing it very well.

DR. LUCKY: Okay. Let's -- I would like to bore into this issue a little bit more, because it's a really big issue here, and that is,

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the question of interference in this band. You hear all the time that, you know, you can't depend on this because it's going to melt down, you know. Everybody is going to be jumping in there. You've got cordless phones. You've got microwave ovens. You've got garage door openers, you know. got wireless cameras, video cameras, and they're all operating uncoordinated, which is an issue we'll have to get into later. But the issue is, is this going to disintegrate to where it'll be like useless. and what the CB radio and are So let me ask if any of the other implications? panelists who haven't yet had a chance to speak, would like to put in their two bits on question?

Well, first, I would MR. CHAMBERLAIN: say that expecting uninterrupted service on any one improbable. And frankly bands is of these I think people have come to expect it, speaking, it has spurred on what it has done, development of new technologies.

For instance, in the cordless phones, we started out with analog systems. Interferences in the, you know, 50 megahertz band. All of a sudden, there's moves to 900 analog, and now you

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1.	have spread spectrum devices, frequency hopping,
2	combinations of the two, but the marketplace has
3	demanded this, because what they said is they want
4	more reliable services. Things got more and more
5	congested, so what really has happened is, the
6	marketplace goes and says we want better service.
7	We, as electronic companies, go out and say okay,
8	let's develop the new mousetrap, the new system,
9	make it more reliable.
10	Usually, these systems cost a little
11	bit more initially, and then as vines go up,
12	acceptance goes up, they become more proliferate,
13	prices go down, and the next new technology is
14	developed as interference starts increasing in that
15	area. So I think the marketplace has done a great
16	job at producing solutions to these interference
17	issues. And by the way, CB is not dead. I had to
18	say that.
19	DR. LUCKY: Okay. But the concept is,
20	we'll invent our way out of this, and that we'll be
21	incented to do that.
22	MR. CHAMBERLAIN: Correct.
23	DR. LUCKY: So that, in fact, you don't
24	believe that this will melt down.

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN: Not at all.

DR. LUCKY: Okay. Other opinions?
Okay. David.

MR. REED: I just want to say that my earlier comments really fit into that thing. The question is, you know, when you say "We're going to invent our way out of this", the question is, you know, is there going to come a fundamental limit where we can't? And the point that I was trying to make earlier is, that there's no real fundamental limit where we can't invent our way out of this, so we ought to create the incentives to invent, rather than the incentives to slow invention.

I think the -- what's a really good analogy here is our national highway system where, you know, we constantly run into new problems operating that system. But ultimately, the users are responsible for coordinating their actions, and avoiding crashing into each other, and so forth. We give them new tools occasionally. We might, you know, as in California, create, you know, traffic lights on the on-ramps to the expressway, as we had to in certain cases or whatever, but we don't have it doesn't run into to design the system so problems beforehand.

DR. LUCKY: Have you tried to drive on

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1 the 405 in L.A. lately? It's like --2 MR. REED: They need a new innovation. But, you know, I'm just pointing out that --3 4 MR. HADINGER: I wanted to thank David for providing me the seque. I was going to 5 apologize to everybody for being late. I was 6 7 actually stuck in traffic. When in a cab, one can late, 8 either worry about being or even philosophize. And in this particular case, there 9 was an accident, and it was holding up traffic. 10 And it got me to thinking that, in fact, what's 11 12 happening is we've got a violation of the expected norms. 13 In other words, there's a group that is 14 all expecting a certain thing, and working 15 cooperation, like-systems sharing with 16 systems. And actually, a fair amount of flexible 17 interchange among those like-systems, but when 18 that set of expectations, somebody violates 19 causes ripple effects for everybody else. 20 In fact, there's a number of different 21 you think about like-systems. Ιf 22 classes of transportation in that roadways, while they are 23 24 limited in terms of your freedom to choose exactly

where you want to go, nonetheless, carry a high

volume of people all intending to go the same direction.

Walking, on the other hand, is completely open, or certainly more open. Although even there you have to, from time to time, step aside to avoid running into somebody in front of you. In the software-defined radio sense, I guess you might consider that to be unlicensed use, where you expect a certain amount of interference, but in fact, what you've done is, you've designed a system which is robust enough that it can tolerate that.

Whereas other systems, which require a certain greater degree of harmonization, can handle less in the way of random events going every which way. It's unlikely that we would have an efficient highway system if we just paved over D.C., and let everybody drive straight from their source to their destination at random.

In fact, there is value in having like-systems brought together and in conformance. And certainly, a lot of software-defined or self-defined rules for sharing, and moving, and optimizing that space but, you know, within systems which are basically similar.

DR. LUCKY: Well, that's an issue that

we do have to get into, is that in the present unlicensed band, people obey their own rules. So you've got some people obeying the 802.11 rules of listening before they talk, and others like video cameras that are just blasting away. So are you saying that there should be rules?

MR. HADINGER: Let's see. For systems operating in an unlicensed band, and where you go into it knowing that there are no rules, one would imagine if you're trying to create a robust system, you will choose a protocol which is, in itself, robust.

Certainly, there's ways of violating even robust protocols. And at some point, I think there may need to be a mechanism by which we allow a commons for the sort of experimental and first use, but eventually find a way of migrating it into spectrum, again where sort of like-systems obeying the same like-rules, follow similar procedures. And certainly, there's no end of opportunity to find stories of services which have come out with lots of great promise, for which spectrum has been allocated in great amounts, and which is not then turned into a valid and viable service.

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that spectrum efficiently, Darwinian sort of fashion, but also to take those systems which are successful and which may find, because of their broad use, a need for more protection than they had imagined when it was first out, to find a way of moving those people to spectrum, which is, in turn, more protected.

DR. LUCKY: Other comments about this? The original question, and we're moving around to a lot of issues that I think have to be gone into in more detail as the day goes along, the original question was will these bands melt down? And if we could sort of keep on that theme, but there's a very important sub-theme here about whether there should be rules or not. And the question is incentives that people have, whether they should follow the rules or not.

I mean, I'm not sure that if I'm designing a system for this, I want to follow 802.11, because heck, that constrains me, but let's go ahead with other comments.

MR. CALABRESE: Okay. Thanks. Yeah, I just want to mention, I have a -- you asked about the positives and negatives of unlicensed, and although I have a long list of positives, the one

negative I'm reminded of by this discussion, which is that wi-fi success creates the temptation to impose service rules that tend to protect or lock in wi-fi, which I don't believe should protect or lock in wi-fi, or any other current technology. think we saw quite a few comments that said, you have some that may need to know, we Commission may need to impose some type of service rules on the 2.4 gigahertz unlicensed band in order to make the most of this wi-fi development that we And it may well be that we will decide we space for unlicensed dedicated need some new wireless networking. But ideally, those sort of rules of the road should not be shaped to prefer any particular application, especially and current technology.

We probably do need protocols and etiquette to facilitate wireless networking, but they should be as open and as neutral as possible.

And I'd encourage David Reed to say something about this, because he helped develop those sort of protocols for the Internet. And an Internet-based model in the air is what we need. We must -- essentially, these protocols should certainly not come at the price of limiting sort of free-wheeling

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innovation that's possible on the current -- what we once called the junk band of spectrum at 2.4.

DR. LUCKY: Okay. I want to turn it over to Dewayne for a minute, but let me just insert the devil's advocacy here for a minute. The problem with protocols is they change, you know. And if you lock in on particular rules - I mean, look at 802.11 is migrating to a lot of different versions. If you set rules, wouldn't you be taking away some of the freedom to innovate that is the important cornerstone in unlicensed band? Dewayne.

MR. HENDRICKS: Okay. I wanted to address the meltdown question. If you look back on the historical record on Part 15, NCR in 1991 filed comments that effectively said they expected the unlicensed band to meltdown. This is in `91.

Three years ago, Lucent filed comments that basically said the same thing, so what we have is that between '91 and three years ago it didn't meltdown. And we hear a lot of analytical evidence about it has meltdown, but I've got to tell you, where I am in the Bay Area, and having operated since '96 on those three bands, I haven't seen any meltdown, or ways in which you can engineer around any type of interference. So what I would say in

general is that what's missing here, and I would encourage the Commission and, in fact, the TAC, when we reformed four years ago basically said look, you're an agency that doesn't measure what it regulates, which is the radio spectrum. If you look at the EPA, it measures what it regulates. The Commission never has. And what we did is we proposed to the Commission that it needed to embark on a major study of the spectrum and look at noise. Okay?

So we complete -- the TAC has sort of completed the first phase of our noise study, but what needs to happen on an ongoing basis is measurement of the spectrum, particularly say the unlicensed bands across the country, on an ongoing basis to determine whether or not there really is a meltdown. And essentially, what we tried to do is develop some objective measures that would be used to determine when that happened.

DR. LUCKY: You know, I think your experience is particularly valuable, Dewayne, because I look at the Bay Area as being sort of the canary in the coal mine. You know, maybe we don't have to measure the whole country, you know, we just see if San Francisco dies, and then we'd know.

Larry, you wanted to comment.

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PROF. LESSIG: Right. I agree with Dewayne, but I think that the perspective should be how do we establish an environment for the widest range of experimentation, protected both against incumbents trying protect themselves, to against the system melting down? And in this context, I think thinking about different bands differently helps. So I think in Microsoft's comments, for example, they suggested a protocol layer, a MAC layer in the 5g band, a lot of issues about what the protocol would be, and who would set it, of course. How else could there be a proposal by Microsoft without those questions, but still I think it's a good proposal, because in context, at least we could have a protocol band that would avoid exactly this kind of meltdown problem.

It would be a mistake, though, to take that idea and impose it across the board to all of the bands that are unlicensed. What's got to happen is a wide range of environments that encourage lots of different experimentation here, and develop models that can challenge the owned or licensed bands.

DR. LUCKY: Okay. Bob Phaneuf, what's your experience in this area?

MR. PHANEUF: Well, I've got a different problem than most of you. I probably have more spectrum in one radio than the world has used to date.

DR. LUCKY: Can we have some of it?

MR. PHANEUF: Yeah. It turns out my radios are 60 gigahertz right now, and it's very easy for me to transmit full-duplex 1.25 gigahertz data rate real stuff. It's a wireless link to fiber.

My problem with the licensed band, or the unlicensed band, not a problem really, is that I was really -- I, being my company, was the first And when you're the first guy in and guy in. you're trying to develop new spectrum, this amount of spectrum, everybody thinks they want it, but they really don't know what they want to do with And so each customer you go to has a little bit different spin on -- I mean, I have just this wireless link that can do, I think, most anything, but they want to interface it with different kind switches. different kind of clock different kind of protocols, and so we have to

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Every now and then we'll have to change our back end. Very rarely do we have to change the microwave part of it, the millimeter wave part of it, but the back end. And the flexibility of the unlicensed band allows me to go almost any customer, whether it's a campus network or the big carriers are just playing with us now, by the way. That's my problem.

I've got two and four radios on top of a lot of buildings. The only ones that have a decent number, I think I've got oh, maybe 20 in Japan that are linked together. We thought Expedient was going to be our big hope down in Miami, and they kind of caved in and went out of

But the problem is, the -- I couldn't have filled any of these to anybody if I didn't have the flexibility that the unlicensed band gives us, and that's, I guess, my big message. I don't -- I think there's always going to I've had like five radios on the same problems. different roof pointing at frequency on one directions. Of course, my beam is a needle, and that works pretty well. And what happens when it

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I mean, you can solve these problems in a very practical sense. The thing I'll tell you too is, that time I take a look at the design of the radio I can think of improvements, and that's probably the way it's going to happen in terms of correcting our mistakes, or interference mistakes. We really can be clever, but right now the big thing is to get out there and get using this stuff, because if we don't really get using the stuff, then we really don't know where the bodies are We don't know what problems we have to buried. solve, so I do think that the -- and I have a tendency to focus on the fundamental link-to-link. These are point-to-point systems, by the way, their frequencies, but they because οf networked and they network pretty well.

But one of the things that's kind of amusing to me is this panel seems more like a computer data processing panel than it does an RF panel. It turns out that there's still some of us left that think that bandwidth is really information rate, so I guess that's --

DR. LUCKY: Okay. Thanks, Bob. I'd like to turn it over to questions and comments from

the audience now. The two questions on the table are first, what's good and bad about Unlicensed Spectrum? Now I think what we have on the panel is everyone loved it, you know. They want more of it, but perhaps there's somebody out there who could speak for, perhaps an incumbent that feels like they're being undercut by this, or hurt by it, interference or whatever. So the two questions are what's good and bad about unlicensed, and will this melt down? So comments from the audience. Sir?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. With respect to any kind of hyperbolic statement like spectral meltdown or the converse, that wireless unlicensed is the second coming masqueraded as technology. I think one does well to try to analyze the source of the comment.

Do you think that, you know, the claims that, or as I would contend, the myth of overspectral congestion say, for example, in 2.4, do you think much of that comes from disingenuous parties who may have a vested interest in making everyone think that it doesn't work?

DR. LUCKY: Some of it does come from that. I think it's also, in my own opinion, that a lot of the technology statements are driven by

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fashion. Somebody says, you know, it's going to meltdown, and it becomes very fashionable to say that, and so everybody starts worrying about it. And it turns out that there is no real data behind that statement, that it just becomes common knowledge that this is going to meltdown.

Other comments, questions? Yes.

Τ think AUDIENCE MEMBER: Ι heard several of the panelists discuss the problem of interference between intelligent and unintelligent uses of unlicensed, where you have in the way in the commons you have two types of farmers. have those farmers who are bringing in with them intelligent technology so that their cows can, or their sheep can kind of ease back when they see But in a way, the other farmers who don't choose to use that technology can free ride. And I'm wondering if one of the suggestions that may come out of this is creating or segregating a part of the unlicensed bands for technologies that incorporate some general intelligent or cognitive protocols so that they can have their own place to innovate, as long as no particular technology or solution is endorsed.

DR. LUCKY: Larry.

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1	PROF. LESSIG: I think it's a
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3	relates to incumbent technologies. The unfortunate
4	presumption so far in the regulatory context has
5	been to protect the unintelligent, and to force the
6	intelligent to be really, really super intelligent
7	so that they don't and I believe in Darwin.
8	Right?
9	I think we should have a regulatory
10	Darwin that says if there are unintelligent
11	technologies, we should be tilting against them so
12	that we have a move towards a much higher bits-per-
13	second throughput here in the use of spectrum, so
14	this is a combination both of band, of what we call
15	bandwidth, but also computational power that could
16	really increase the total capacity. I think that's
17	the message, in particular, David was offering
18	here. But the only way we're going to get there is
19	to stop preferring or through regulatory
20	structures preferring the unintelligent structures
21	over the intelligent ones.
22	DR. LUCKY: Interesting. Other
23	comments? Yes.
24	MR. CHAMBERLAIN: I think the 2.4

gigahertz spectrum is a perfect example of this. I

1	mean, for instance, you have the unintelligent
2	microwave oven, just spews out energy in that band.
3	And then you have a telephone that needs to
4	operate in the kitchen, so what happens is you
5	devise a way of making that work.
6	Now if you start segregating that band,
7	depending, you know now you're limiting your
8	ability to jump around that information and energy,
9	because I don't think the Commission or anyone can
10	figure out what all devices are going to be
11	created.
12	You have to give them, you know, give
13	the people within that band the ability to deal
14	with the situation, so you take a look at what
15	spectrum you're in from the marketplace side. You
L6	take a look at it, you innovate, and you come out
17	with new products. I mean, I think it's fairly
l 8	simple.
19	DR. LUCKY: Sir. You've got one?
20	AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.
21	DR. LUCKY: Okay. Fine. Go ahead.
22	See, this is the comments, but there are rules.
23	AUDIENCE MEMBER: Actually, that's sort
24	of what I was going to comment on. I don't see
25	there being a meltdown. I think ultimately we're

going to need more unlicensed spectrum because of increased demands but, you know, there's been some mention about 802.11, and some issue about whether rules, you know, should favor some technology or not.

Actually, Ι think the industry standards bodies have done a very good job of creating some very innovative products with the cooperation of many, many companies in the process. And my understanding is that there is actually a federal law that requires government agencies, in their procurement policies, to favor industry -consensus standards, and you know, open regulatory agencies to consider those requires standards in the regulatory proceedings.

I think the idea of the commons is a good idea, and industry will make it work. believe it's Mr. Reed said, we can pretty much invent ourselves out of, you know, things in the future, as long as we do it in a cooperative way. This may require that the Commission consider some sorts of requirements for interference general the mitigation techniques in avoidance and unlicensed bands in the future, and there are task groups within the standards bodies that are working

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on exactly those sorts of things. 802 just recently created a co-existence technical advisory group.

Anyway, I guess what I'm trying to say don't think there's is I going to be meltdown, but I think that there needs to be some thought to protecting all of those people that play by rules that are designed to promote spectral efficiency, from what I would characterize as roque systems that simply don't care. They just spew, as it was put, without any regard to other occupants be trying to the spectrum that may use cooperatively. Thank you.

DR. LUCKY: Okay. We have a comment over here.

MEMBER: question AUDIENCE Му was, heard а little bit about whether the we've unlicensed --- whether we need more spectrum assigned by unlicensed means or not. I quess the And if we did, where question is, do we need more? in the band should it be of the things that are up for grabs now, that it might be in the near future? Where should the FCC be focusing on making decisions to expand the use of Unlicensed Spectrum? And then maybe a second part of the question is,

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we've heard about the utility or the disadvantages of having rules for unlicensed. What else could the FCC do that you think would either undermine the use of Unlicensed Spectrum now, or is there anything that they could do beyond more spectrum that would assist?

DR. LUCKY: Okay. That actually is the next set of questions we're going to move on to, so I think you'll be very timely. I'll get one more here, and then we're going to move on. Sir, I'll --- we have --- okay, well two more.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good morning. Is this on?

DR. LUCKY: Yes, you're on.

Okay. One of the AUDIENCE MEMBER: I've been hearing is people have been for analogies to try to understand reaching spectrum, and I've been trying to think about that for a while, and I've not yet found an analogy I just wanted to caution that we that's perfect. not think that spectrum is like either traffic, which one of the panelists mentioned earlier this Cars cannot pass through each other morning. without interference, but radio waves can, in fact, pass through each other without interfering.

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It's not really like grass either, but I haven't been able to find the analogy that's as interesting as cars passing through each other to explain why spectrum is not like grass.

I think the most powerful analogy I found is actually due to David Reed, who pointed out that radio waves are ripples on the pond, and they can, in fact, pass through each other. And if you watch rain drop on water, you can actually see the circles expanding, and you can still see the circles from each individual drop, even though there are many drops. And that's a pretty good analogy.

And I don't believe that there's any -that there's going to be a meltdown. It's like
ripples on a pond. There are no wake zones
sometimes around docks and stuff, but in the open
ocean you don't actually have to have a limit on
how big of a wake a ship can make, because there's
really no incentive for the ship to make as big of
a wake as possible. It just needs to get from
where it's coming from to where it's going.

DR. LUCKY: Well, I would say that David's point was that there's --- that interference doesn't --- waves do pass through each

other. But unfortunately, the damage occurs in the receiver design. And that, in fact, you have legacy receivers out there that are not able to disambiguate these ripples in the pond, so that's -- this is a problem that always confronts the FCC, is you have legacy environments that don't --- that play by old rules that may not be technologically advanced.

Okay. We had one more over there, and then we'll move on.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'd like to comment on Professor Lessig's comment about having a bias in favor of intelligent systems that tend not to be better behaved. The problem with that is, what is good behavior can be very peculiar to the goals of the system, and so you may well have a system that has a good set of rules internal to itself, but when the next new activity comes around, its definition of what is being a good and cooperative is different. And so, in effect, you can see rules for -- or biases in favor of intelligibility become barriers to entry.

Although I -- the second thing I'd say is that we're not --- not all Part 15 is the same, and that we do not automatically have to have every

band be a classic Part 15 with a power limitation, and no other limitations. Look at the PCS Part 15, and you've got a huge realm of ways of having different Part 15s. Thanks.

DR. LUCKY: Larry, would you like to respond?

PROF. LESSIG: Yes. Ι was -this actually picks up on this example of the microwave oven. I think we should distinguish between a bias in the regulatory context, and a bias in the marketplace. I don't think we have to worry about If you've got microwave ovens the marketplace. that are putting off too much --- too high emissions that's interfering with some other use, then you'll have microwave manufacturers who say we zero-emission microwaves. This is the competitive process, that you have better production of products that people can use within their house.

The particular bias I'm worried about is where somebody doesn't have to rely on the competitive marketplace in order to sell their products, but they can go to the government, and they can say to the government look, this new use of spectrum is making my stupid use of spectrum not

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